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NEW HEALTH LAW

LAW APPROVED JUNE 1, 1905,
PUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

ON HEALTH NUISANCES.

The Following Law Will Be Strictly Enforced by Our Municipality. Read Carefully and Profit Thereby

An account to define and declare what shall be deemed nuisances injurious to health, and to provide for the removal thereof and punishment therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. A sanitary nuisance is hereby declared to be the commission of any act, by an individual, municipality, organization or corporation, or the keeping, maintaining, propagation existence or permission of any thing, by an individual, municipality, organization or corporation, by which the health or lives of individuals, may be threatened or impaired, or by which, or through which, directly or indirectly, disease may be caused.

Sec. 2. That filth, the contents of cesspools, offal, garbage, foul waste refused from manufactories, urine, stable manure, decayed animal or vegetable matter or other offensive substance detrimental to health, thrown, placed or allowed to remain in or upon any private premises, street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, gutter, public reservation or open lot within any incorporated city or unincorporated town or village of the State of Florida, are hereby declared nuisances injurious to health; and any person who shall commit, maintain the aforesaid nuisances, or either of them, shall upon conviction be fined not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for every such offense.

Sec. 3. That the filling, leveling or raising the surface of any ground or lot within any incorporated town, city or village of the State of Florida, with animal or vegetable substances, filth gathered in cleaning yards or waste material from mills or factories, or the removal of the surface of any ground or lot within said cities, towns or villages, filled with such offensive matter or substance, in such manner as to cause noxious odors or noxious gases to arise, are hereby declared nuisances injurious to health, and any person who shall cause, commit, create or maintain such nuisances shall upon conviction, be fined not less than five or more than twenty dollars for each such offense.

Sec. 4. That all waterclosets or privies connected with any house, building or premises within any incorporated city or unincorporated town or village of the State of Florida in or upon which people live or where they congregate or assemble, or any kind of business is done, kept in a filthy and offensive condition, or from which noxious odors and noxious gases arise, and all waterclosets located within and being a part of any such houses or building, not provided with proper sewer traps so as to prevent the return and escape of noxious gases and offensive odors from any public or private sewer connected therewith, are hereby declared nuisances injurious to health and any person creating, keeping or maintaining such nuisance shall upon conviction be fined not less than five or more than twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 5. That fecal matter not thoroughly deodorized and disinfected remaining in privies in any incorporated city or unincorporated town or village of the State of Florida, is hereby declared a nuisance injurious to health, and the State Health Officer shall, upon receipt of complaint in writing, cause any privy to be inspected, and if necessary, cleansed; and any person owning or occupying premises on which any privy is situated, who shall refuse to permit the same to be inspected and cleansed at the time designated by the State Health Officer, or when necessary, shall upon conviction be fined not less than five or more than twenty dollars for every such offense.

Sec. 6. That it shall be unlawful for any person to deposit the contents of any privy in any other place than such as may be approved by the State Health Officer, the health authorities or any incorporated city, or by the inspector of the State Board of Health if in an unincorporated town in the State of Florida, and any person so offending shall upon conviction be fined not less than five or more than fifty dollars for every such offense.

Sec. 7. That the keeping, feeding and feeding of hogs, in pens or otherwise, within any incorporated city or unincorporated town of the State of Florida, of over two thousand (2,000) inhabitants, is hereby declared a nuisance injurious to health and any person creating or maintaining such nuisance who shall fail after due notice from the State Health Officer, to abate the same, shall upon conviction be fined not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for every such offense.

Sec. 8. That and animal afflicted with glanders or other contagious or of pestilential disease, kept in any part of the State of Florida, is hereby declared a nuisance injurious to health; and any person keeping or maintaining such nuisance who shall fail, after due notice from the State Health Officer, to abate the same, shall upon conviction be fined not less than five or more than twenty-five dollars for every such offense.

Sec. 9. That the boiling of offal, swill, bones, fat, tallow or lard, the crushing, grinding or burning of bones or shells, cleaning guts, making glue from any dead animal, or part thereof, making or boiling varnish or oil, making lampblack, turpentine or tar, distilling ardent, schollic or fermented spirits, storing or keeping of fat scraps grease or other offensive animal matter rendering or trying out dead, undressed or unslaughtered animals, or any other business or trade whereby noxious stenches and odors and noxious gases or odors are generated within incorporated city or unincorporated town of the State of over two hundred inhabitants, are hereby declared nuisances injurious to health; and any person who shall cause, create, maintain or continue any such nuisance, and who shall fail, after due notice from the State Health Officer, to abate the same, shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars for every such offense.

Sec. 10. That unclean and filthy slaughter-houses, rooms, buildings or places where sheep, hogs, cattle or other animals are slaughtered, within any incorporated city or town or any unincorporated town or village of the State of Florida, are hereby declared nuisances injurious to health; and any person creating, keeping or maintaining such nuisances, who shall fail, after due notice from the State Health Officer, to abate the same, shall upon conviction be fined not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for every such offense.

Sec. 11. That it shall be the duty of the State Health Officer, upon the request of the proper authorities, or of any three responsible resident citizens, or when it may seem necessary to the president of the State Board of Health or to the State Board of Health Officer, himself, to investigate the sanitary condition of any city, town or place in the State of Florida; and if upon examination the State Health Officer shall ascertain the existence of any sanitary nuisance as defined in the preceding sections of this act, it shall be his duty to serve notice upon the proper party or parties to remove or abate the said nuisance, or if necessary to proceed to remove or abate the said nuisance in the manner provided in section 13 hereof.

Sec. 12. That it shall be the duty of the State Health Officer, upon receiving information or obtaining knowledge of the existence of any thing or things herein declared to be nuisances by law, to notify the person or persons committing, creating, keeping or maintaining the same, to remove or cause to be removed the same within twenty-four hours, or such other reasonable time as may be determined by the State Health Officer, after such notice being duly given; and if the same is not removed by such person or persons within the time described in said notice, it shall be the duty of the State Health Officer to remove or cause to be removed such nuisance or nuisances, and all costs or expenses of such removal shall be paid by the person or persons committing, creating, keeping or maintaining such nuisance or nuisances; and if the said costs and expenses thus accruing shall not be paid within ten days after such removal the same shall be collected from the person or persons committing, creating, keeping or maintaining such nuisances by suit at law.

Sec. 13. That all fines and penalties imposed by any section of this act shall be collected by prosecution in the municipal court, if within an incorporated city, or in the State court having jurisdiction if within an unincorporated town or village.

Sec. 14. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. This act shall take effect from its passage and approval by the Governor.

Approved June 1, 1905.

Wanted.

DETECTIVES. Responsible. Sharp. Daring Young Men everywhere. Experience unnecessary. Enclose stamp for particulars. Grubell's Detective Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE VARIED INDUSTRIES OF DE SOTO COUNTY

The industries of De Soto county are many and varied, consisting chiefly of oranges, cattle and phosphate. Truck farming is carried on extensively also, the climate being an ideal one for early vegetables. The county is full of thriving towns, while Arcadia, the county seat, is one of the prettiest cities to be found in South Florida. The sidewalks are all paved, while for several miles, in all directions, there are smooth, shady, hard roads, inviting the pedestrian or rider to a spin in



the country, fanned by cool breezes and protected by the overhanging boughs of shade trees from the rays of the sun.

The development of the resources has just begun, and the people are rapidly realizing that anything will grow and flourish here, and new industries are almost daily heard of, being established by people who are quick to realize the advantages offered by our fertile soil, virgin timber lands and equitable climate. The Peace River Phosphate Company are improving their mammoth plant, in anticipation of future orders, which taxes their capacity to the utmost.

The orange growers are making all arrangements to handle their crops expeditiously, and this season promises to be the banner one of De Soto county, even in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. New business houses are being built, residences are going up, and old ones are being repaired and painted. The entire community wears an air of prosperity and contentment.



We show this week an orange grove at Arcadia and a pinery at Punta Gorda. The News will from week to week note new industries and mention those already established, trusting that it will prove of interest to our readers and of benefit to De Soto County and the State at large.

CREWSVILLE.

Mr. T. B. Cason, of Lake Josephine, was a visitor to this place last Sunday.

Mr. F. H. Williams returned home last Monday from Punta Gorda, where he has been shipping cattle to the Cuban market.

Census Taker W. J. Odom, of Brownville, was a visitor to Crewsville Monday last.

Messrs Jack and Steve Skipper were in town on Monday on matters of business.

Mr. Ed. Powell, of Bartow passed through this vicinity Monday with a

bunch of six hundred head of beef cattle for the Cuban market.

Born-To, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Collins, last Friday, a bouncing boy. Mother and child are both reported doing well, but it is doubted if the father will recover.

We are pleased to note that our school at this place opened on the 7th inst. with a very good attendance. Miss Ida Bagwell is our very popular and competent teacher.

Military Bounty Land Warrants WANTED:—Will pay \$5.00 for telling me who has one whether I buy it or not.

R. K. KELLEY, Kansas City, Mo.

GARDNER

We hear no complaints of dry weather at the present.

School is still progressing rapidly, 67 on roll now and others to enter later.

Mr. Joe Hampton, of Arcadia, was a welcomed guest at this place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. M. Coker, of Ona, was also a visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Albritton, of Lily was calling on their friends and relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. T. E. Fielder made a flying trip to Arcadia Monday.

Prof. Chester Parker made a very pleasant call at the Gardner House Sunday morning. Look out boys or Prof. will beat your time.

Mrs. L. B. Mobley who has been visiting in Texas and other parts of the United States is expected to arrive here on the 15th. We welcome Mrs. Mobley home again.

Mr. Enoch Worth is erecting a neat little cottage north of the cemetery which will add very much to the beauty of our little town.

Mr. Jas. Hampton has just completed his beautiful two story mansion just in front of the Gardner House.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunn and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Coker made their relatives at Fort Meade a pleasant call Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs T. W. Coker and W. A. Stevens paid their Turpentine City Ladies a pleasant call Saturday night and report a pleasant time.

Mr. J. B. Prine has recently sold his stock of goods to Mr. Tysen.

Mr. Summer Fussell the honorable mail clerk from Lakeland to Weyeross, is visiting his brother Mr. V. O. Fussell of this place this week.

Mr. W. L. Almand and family of this place are visiting relatives Barberville this week.

Miss Nannie Coker made a business call in Arcadia last Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. Hampton, made a business call in Arcadia Friday.

Mr. Bradford one of Tampa's traveling men was calling here Tuesday.

Miss Jennie Carlton made her home folks a pleasant call Friday returning Sunday night.

Mr. Henry Hollingsworth and Miss Maggie Carlton passed through here Sunday afternoon and seemed to be enjoying their drive very much.

Miss Fannie Coker was visiting friends and relatives in Arcadia Monday returning Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. McCorquodale attended church at Brownville Sunday night.

The young folks of Gardner enjoyed a sing given at the school house Sunday night.

Miss Clifford Albritton will leave Sept. 1, for DeFuniak Springs, where she will enter the College there.

We can hear the wedding bells daily ringing.

We make a specialty of first-class commercial and social job work. The best of everything. Give us a call.

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COUNTY FATHERS

SOME TAX ASSESSMENTS REDUCED.

ROAD BLAZERS ARE APPOINTED

Other Business Transacted by the Board at Their Regular Monthly Meeting.

(Concluded from last week.)

F. E. Parker, D. D. Cline and J. M. Carlton, blazers, appointed on a proposed road to run from the Arcadia and Nocatee road at R. E. Watkins one mile south as per diagram attached to petition to gate at Jerry Carlton, filed their report. The road hereby is ordered advertised according to law. A notice mailed to F. E. Parker to be posted at most public place, and one notice posted on Court House door.

Firearm bond of W. J. Williams with G. N. Weeks and D. W. Perish as sureties filed and permit issued.

Chairmen appointed: E. F. Bostick and D. W. Brown.

A committee to visit Fort Ogden re change of road.

Pension application of John R. Newton presented and approved by the Board.

Notary bond of B. W. Campbell with L. L. Morgan and T. S. Carlton as sureties, presented and approved.

G. W. Mc Lane, J. P., District No. 7, made the following report. (copy)

The Sheriff is hereby authorized to order a pair of blood hounds for the use of De Soto County.

Pension application of Mrs. Mary J. Altman presented and approved.

Firearm bond of Edward M. Tucker with Albert W. Gilchrist and G. D. Perkins as sureties, approved and permit issued.

It is hereby ordered that the De Soto County Advertiser be and the same is hereby designated as the paper in which the last act of Legislature of the State of Florida shall be published.

To The Hon. Board of Co. Coms. We your Committee appointed to go to Fort Ogden to view the proposed change in the Fort Ogden and Hull road beg leave to report that we went to Fort Ogden and carefully examined the road as now located and the proposed change, and we beg to report that we recommend the change as petitioned for and advertised, with the understanding that a space of 16 feet be left each side from the corner post at the south-west corner. Respectfully submitted.

E. F. Bostick, D. W. Brown.

Committee report on change in Ft. Ogden and Hull road viz began at the ne corner of B 12, Ft. Ogden, and run west along the north side of said block to the sw corner of J. L. Jones' lot thence north along the west side of said lot to where it intersects the present road, is hereby accepted, and said road is declared a public road and highway.

The following are hereby declared public roads and highways:

Commencing near W. H. Smith's place near Zolfo and running east towards Mrs. Roberts by D. G. Swans place.

Commencing D. J. E. Gills place on Polk and De Soto Co. line running westward to intersect Avon Park and Bowling Green road near E. S. Parker's.

Bond of Sheriff A. C. Freeman with Edward Wotitzky and Carl Holmer as sureties for \$2,000 approved and signed.

Tax Assessor F. M. Cooper is requested to reduce the following assessments:

W. J. Buchanan nw 1/4 sec 1 and n 1/4 sw 1/4 of sec 1 S 35 Tp 33 R 26 from \$500 to \$270.

W. J. Wingale nw 1/4 sw 1/4 S 8 Tp 34 R 26 from \$250 to \$150.

Mrs. Emma Johnson Com. se cor. S 24 Tp 37 R 24 and run north with range line & c. from \$3500 to \$2500.

T. J. Lawton Lots 11 and 12 Blk x B. F. Baldwin Sub Div Arcadia from \$200 to \$120.

A. E. Pooser Lots 3&4 Blk 11 R. R. Survey Arcadia from \$180 to \$100.

Mrs. Mary Mobley Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 Blk 13 Arcadia from \$250 to \$150.

Mrs. Laddie Lamar Com nw cor of S 17 T 38 R 25 and run south 10 ch & c from \$500 to \$110.

Lewis Mc Clenthian ne 1/4 ne 1/4 less 10 acres, in sw corner S 18 Tp 38 R 25 from \$500 to \$200.

Cyrus Jones all Blk 7 and 45x155 ft in ne corner B 8 and B 9, 10 and 11 less lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in B 11 and B 12 less lots 5 to 10 inc. and less lots 11 to 20 inc and less lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 Bowling Green from \$300 to \$250.

Comptroller is requested to allow E. T. Smith to redeem the sw 1/4 sec 24 Tp 37 R 24 for the years 1902, '3 and '4 at a valuation of \$50.00 being an erroneous assessment.

It is recommended by this Board